

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:  
Nicola Benvenuti et al.

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COUNT TRANSFER METHOD  
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231  
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Dear Sir/Madam:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Please amend this application as follows:

In the Specification

Page 1, after the title, insert

--REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of United States provisional application no. 60/307,372 filed July 25, 2001 entitled "Transparent Error Count Transfer Method and Apparatus" the contents of which are incorporated herein.--

Respectfully submitted,

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